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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 27, 2016, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. POMPEO).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 24, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE POMPEO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Merciful God, thank You for giving us another day.

At the end of a contentious week, let Your Spirit of peace descend upon this place and those who work here. In the week to come, may the heat of political positions cool and the light of governing wisdom break forth.

Bless the Members back home in their districts and the people whom they serve.

And, as all Americans prepare to celebrate the 4th of July, may we be forever grateful for the benefits we share as citizens of a common Nation with uncommon diversity. Help us to work together to build a better community as a light for the world.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 797, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
June 23, 2016.

Hon. PAUL RYAN,
*Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Upon reflection, I hereby make official my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives effective immediately.

In my previous letter I indicated a later resignation date in order to provide for an orderly transition of my office after 21 years of service in the House. However, out of respect for the entire House Leadership, and so as not to cause a distraction from the House's work for the people, I have changed my effective date.

I am proud of the work we have accomplished during my tenure in the House, as we have passed legislation that has helped tens of millions of families. Through GEAR UP more than 12 million young people have been able to achieve their dream of a college education; hundreds of thousands of families were able to stave off foreclosure because of the Homeowner's Emergency Relief Fund; across the nation new policies at all levels of government have been established to ensure all children have access to a high-quality education as a result of the work from the Equity and Excellence Commission; local and state governments have implemented comprehensive energy efficiency policies because of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program; and most importantly, millions who suffer from brain related diseases have a renewed sense of hope for a cure or treatment because of the groundbreaking work being conducted under the Fattah Neuroscience Initiative and the President's BRAIN Initiative.

As a result of my work in Congress tens of thousands of families throughout the Philadelphia region now live in affordable revitalized housing; major investments have been in the city's infrastructure; and millions of dollars have been invested in K-12 education and University research and outreach efforts.

None of my success in the Congress would have been possible without the bipartisan support of my colleagues; the hard and dedicated work of my staff; the votes of the citizens of the Second Congressional District; and the strong support of my family.

I am honored to have had the privilege to serve.

Very truly yours,
CHAKA FATTAH,
Member of Congress.

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